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## GOETHALS TO HEAD CANAL COMMISSION

### WAVES KEEP FREAR FROM XMAS DINNER

**Big Billows Off Midway Island Prove Jailors For Governor And His Attorney General. Midwayans Much Disappointed**

Governor Frear and Retiring Attorney General Lindsay arrived off Midway Island yesterday morning, but they missed the big Christmas dinner prepared in their honor. It is quite likely, however, that the bird, said to be the largest specimen found on Midway or in the waters around that island will be warmed over for their benefit today.

A cablegram from Operator Morrison, of Midway, arrived here yesterday announcing that the Thetis arrived off the coast at 11 o'clock yesterday morning. The sea was so rough that no attempt was made to land then, and the vessel drew away, returning again in the afternoon, when boats were lowered and a desperate effort made to reach the shore.

This proved a failure and the Governor and his party, doubtless considerably "peevish," were forced to return to the ship, which sailed away again into the approaching darkness.

But another attempt was to be made this morning, and as the surf apparently was subsiding last night, a safe landing was predicted.

It is thought here that the scientists bound for Laysan are still aboard, and will participate in the belated Christmas celebration at Midway today. The desirability of that island has prepared a big reception and entertainment for the distinguished party, in which every inhabitant of Midway was expected to take part.

It is also thought that the delay of twenty-four hours will only serve to increase the joy of Judge Lindsay and his companions on reaching terra firma again. Evidently the sailing of the last few days has not been of the smoothest.

### BLUE SKY SMILES ON CHRISTMAS IN HONOLULU NEI

Everybody and everything chipped in to aid Honolulu's Christmas. Kamaainas and malihinis, as well as the tourists, smiled because it was Christmas and because the sun, recognizing the demands of the season, beamed blissfully most of the day. And the best of it all was that the big Christmas Eve Carnival passed off, leaving no bad taste for the celebrators. Thanks in some measure to the efforts of the police under Sheriff Jarrett, the big crowds that assembled soon after nightfall, were orderly. A few boys, full of the ginger of youth, got into trouble and the officials had to arrest them for shooting off firecrackers, but that was all.

In Bishop square, where the novel features of the night before Christmas celebration were to be seen, the band, under the direction of Bandmaster

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### SEEK OPIUM IN SANTA MARIA

Federal officials at this port were tipped off that a large consignment of prepared opium was aboard the American oil tanker Santa Maria, with the result that the Union Oil Company steamer was subjected to a very careful inspection during the stay at the railway wharf.

Several members of the customs staff, went aboard the tanker yesterday morning and remained there for

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### GEOLOGIST RAPS USE OF DIVINING ROD AS A 'FAKE'

**Head of U. S. Survey Here Declares That Science Has No Patience with Methods Employed by Rev. Mr. Mason, Now in Hawaii—Calls Them Menace to Community**

That men who claim, as does the Rev. Mr. H. Mason, now on the island of Lanai, seeking fresh sources of water supply, by means of the divining rod, or through any mysterious gift, are new fakes and as such are a menace to the community in which they operate is the opinion of G. K. Larrison, head of the United States Geological survey in this territory. In an interview this morning Mr. Larrison said:

"You can say for me and for the United States Geological survey, which has had considerable experience in hunting for underground water all over the continent and in the territories, that any man who claims, by some peculiar instrument or feeling that he can find underground water, is an unqualified fake.

"The divining rod is a fake pure and simple, and it is little less than absurd to find men, business men, supposedly gifted with brains enough to administer large business affairs, putting their trust in such men and contrivances. The fallacy of the divining rod has been proven so many times that it is hardly worth while to attack it again, were it not for the presence on Lanai of this man Mason.

**Have Nose For Water.**  
"Let me explain. There are men, who through long years of experience in connection with finding and developing underground water supplies, have naturally acquired an aptitude, or 'nose' for water. In the vast majority of cases underground water is found in certain topographical and geological conditions. These conditions have been noted for many years and a man familiar with them naturally will size up a locality in which underground water may be found, more quickly than an untrained man.

"It is possible that some of these 'water witches,' men with this experience are self-deceived. Indeed I believe in a large number of instances they size up localities and make their finds unconsciously using the experience they have acquired. It is quite likely that Mr. Mason is a case in point.

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### COTTRILL LIKED BY DEMOCRATS; MAY STAY

Charles A. Cottrill, U. S. Collector of Internal Revenue for the Territory and a life-long and prominent Republican, is not likely to be disturbed in office by local Democrats when a change in national administration affords an opportunity of getting busy with the federal patronage. Such at least is the report that comes from discussions of the past few days among prominent Democrats of the islands who have been talking over the future of Federal office-holders here.

Collector Cottrill is declared to be favored for retention by the dominant Democratic element, and it was stated today by a man in a position to know that Cottrill is well liked by the businessmen of the islands generally.

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the balance of the day. The steamer was searched from truck to keelson but without success.

Several empty tins, believed to have been intended for use in the storing of the dope was discovered secreted in the bilge.

The oil tanks were also examined with a view of bringing to light the much sought for drug.

### A POWER IN THE AFFAIRS OF MEXICO



### ARMY PLANNING TO FORTIFY BIG SCHOFIELD POST

**Pick and Shovel Soon to Be Busy Out on the Plains Near the Barracks—Work Is to Be Done by the Boys in Khaki Themselves—The Entrenchments to Be Semi-Permanent**

The defenses of Oahu, now the watchword of the army, are to be further strengthened in the near future. This time, however, no "brain trust" board will deliberate on ways and means; no "Manchus" in the national capitol will thumb over voluminous reports and formulate orders. The work is to be done right here on the island, by the boys in khaki themselves, with no more military formality than is necessary in handling a pick and shovel.

Semi-permanent fortifications are to be thrown up on the east bank of the Kakanui gulch. The work is to be commenced within a few days by the two battalions of the Second Infantry stationed at Schofield Barracks, and before long the gulch will bristle with serviceable trenches and rifle pits, protected by earthworks and sand-bag revetments. This point would be one of the first lines of defense of Schofield Barracks, in the event of an invader winning the high ground just west of the gulch, where

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### PENITENTS SAY SIN NO MORE

The dove of peace and good will finally found a safe resting place in the central police station building.

The victims of mispent enthusiasm in the celebration of a gladsome Yuletide were strong in the majority as they came out this morning on the "Morning Star" or "Monsarrat Matinee."

There was a fine late Tuesday evening and during the early watches of Christmas morn, when the demand for accommodation at the receiving station resounded the scramble of tourists at downtown hotels during the carnival season.

Forty persons, of high and low degree were packed in by the combined forces under the command of Sheriff Jarrett. As Christmas dawned and the morning wore along, old man R. E. Morse dropped around to the police station. He shook hands with a saddened bunch of penitents.

Those who had been snatched from the crowd of gay revelers because of too plentiful indulgence in the nut-brown fluid of good cheer were released upon vowing a solemn promise that the experience would not be repeated—that is until another Christmas.

Christmas Day, however, turned out to be a day fruitful of considerable activity for police officers, despite the general season of rejoicing of the night before. A score of offenders against the public laws and decency were corralled during the several watches.

Judge Monsarrat and the prosecuting officers were regaled with a col

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HENRY W. TAFT, brother of President Taft, and one of the most important figures in financial and industrial interests of the southern republic. He, above all others, is the man President Madero is most concerned about.

### Norman B. Smith Turns Up Once More

Norman B. Smith is back again. Debonairly as of yore and not a bit changed in appearance from the day before election when he seemingly vanished from the face of the earth, the alleged opium smuggler, escorted by Lily Smith, nee Hookano, strolled into the office of the U. S. marshal early this morning and gave himself up, announcing he was ready to stand trial on the charges of smuggling and of violating the Edmunds Act.

To U. S. District Attorney Breckons, with whom he held a long conversation, Smith declared his willingness to enter a plea of guilty to the opium smuggling charge. He said he was ready to go back to jail, that he had no intention of trying to raise a bail bond again and that he expected to stay in confinement until his case is called.

He was taken before Judge Dole in chambers, however, and new bail was fixed, at \$1000 on the smuggling charge and \$500 on the adultery charge.

Where Smith has been hiding is alleged to be a mystery. Breckons professes deep ignorance of that detail of the story. Smith, when asked by a Star-Bulletin representative this morning replied:

"I can't talk about it. See Breckons; he knows more about me than I myself do."

The district attorney took an extended journey to Kauai last week, remaining there several days. The nature of his business, he said, was official, but could not be disclosed at this time. It was noticed, too, that Lily-Hookano-Smith, detained by the federal authorities since Smith's disappearance, was released the day before Christmas.

The district attorney of New York city is investigating a charge just made that the police are levying blackmail upon the 35,000 women of an underworld in that city.

The State Controller of California warned the legislature that appropriations must be kept well within bounds if there would be a deficit in the state's finances by another year.

### WILL SACRIFICE AT LEAST \$5000 YEARLY

### PRESIDENT-ELECT WILSON SICK AT PRINCETON HOME

[Special Star-Bulletin Cable]

PRINCETON, N. J., Dec. 26.—President-elect Woodrow Wilson is ill in bed at his home here. He has been suffering from a severe attack of influenza for several days and yesterday gave up the fight and took to his bed. He is reported as improving and expects to be out tomorrow or next day.

### SAM LANGFORD IS EASY WINNER OF BOUT WITH M'VEA

[Associated Press Cable]

SYDNEY, Australia, Dec. 26.—Sam Langford beat down the defense put up by Sam McVea here today and was returned an easy winner in the long-heralded bout between this pair of heavy negro pugs. An enormous crowd turned out to witness the scrap.

Langford won by the knockout route. It was drawing toward the close of the thirteenth round of milling when the final blow was struck. McVea reeled toward the ropes, fell at full length and was counted out. Langford walked quietly to his corner and waited for the referee to raise his hand in token of victory.

It was Langford's fight from the start. In the fourth round he floored his long-time rival with a vicious upper cut to the chin that seemed to take all the ginger out of McVea, who weakened perceptibly thereafter.

### BREAKFAST FOOD CONCERN FACING SERIOUS CHARGE

[Associated Press Cable]

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 26.—Attorney General Wickham this morning filed a petition in equity here, charging the Kellogg Toasted Corn Flakes Company, manufacturers of the well-known breakfast food, with restraint of trade, in that it has been "fixing prices" in violation of the anti-trust laws of the United States. The case will probably be carried to the United States Supreme Court, as the company lawyers say that they are prepared to fight to the limit. They have not as yet filed a reply.

### DYNAMITE CASES ARE NOW IN THE HANDS OF JURY

[Associated Press Cable]

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 26.—The cases of the labor leaders accused of having transported dynamite across the continent, and of having participated in various ways in the dynamite outrages that for the last five years have shocked the nation, went to the jury this morning. It is expected that that body will have difficulty in deciding the cases, as there are many defendants and the cases are extremely complicated. The Government attorneys are confident of victory.

Mrs. Sarah Ann Ross has just died at Philadelphia. She was the mother of Charlie Ross, who was kidnapped 28 years ago, and of whom no trace has ever been found despite the efforts of detectives throughout America and Europe.

**Reported Willing To Accept Smaller Salary As Governor General Of Canal Zone In Order To Complete Great Work He Has Undertaken—May Return To Capital When President Starts For Home**

[Special Star-Bulletin Cable]

PANAMA, Isthmus of Panama, Dec. 26.—Colonel Goethals is reported as willing to accept the post of governor general of the Canal zone, although to do so will mean the loss of more than five thousand dollars a year to him. It is understood that the president and the colonel have been in consultation regarding this matter and that after the circumstances had been explained to him, the army officer declared that he preferred to remain and finish the work on the big ditch he has carried forward so far. It is reported that in order to accept Col. Goethals has been compelled to decline offers from various sources of from twenty-five to fifty thousand dollars a year. He may return to Washington with the president when the latter finishes his work of inspection here and starts home again.

### SUBLIME PORTE STICKS TO HIS GUNS STAUNCHLY

[Associated Press Cable]

LONDON, Dec. 26.—With the sessions of the peace conference still adjourned pending the end of the holidays, it became known here today that the Sublime Porte is holding out tenaciously against the terms proposed by the Allies just prior to the adjournment. The demand of the Allies for the relinquishment of the city of Adrianople is believed to be the chief trouble in the settlement between the warring powers. The Turkish plenipotentiaries are holding out against that and it is said here that they have received secret instructions from Constantinople on no account to accede to this feature of the terms. On the other hand, the Porte is said to have cabled secret instructions to his envoys here, giving them a set of terms to which he is willing to yield. These terms, it is reported, do not contain provisions for the evacuation of Adrianople, nor do they mention the matter of indemnity.

Still another matter that is causing the Balkan pot to keep bubbling uneasily is the fact that, although Austria approved of Serbia's concessions, she has so far failed to discontinue the mobilization of her forces on the Serbian frontier, and the massing of troops near Belgrade continues.

### ROOSEVELT'S ASSAILANT IS A MODEL PRISONER

[Special Star-Bulletin Cable]

OSHKOSH, Wis., Dec. 26.—John F. Schrank, an inmate at the local asylum, held on a charge of assaulting former President Roosevelt is proving one of the best prisoners at the institution. He is quiet, studious and industrious. His guards report that they have had no difficulty with him since his arrival.